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 TOPIC Staaken Airfield

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1. On 20 August 1951, the air unit, whose aircraft had red stripes on their rudder assemblies and were parked at the northern edge of Staaken airfield, had left the installation. The tents which had been set up when the unit arrived were removed. (1) The time of the departure of the unit could not be determined. The aircraft of the unit were last observed flying over the field on 15 August. Thirty-six IL-10s were parked on the southern edge of the installation. (2)
2. About 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. on 20 August, approximately 30 ground attack aircraft previously parked on the northern edge of the field were no longer seen there. They had been transferred to Koblenz because the number of aircraft observed there had increased. Ground attack planes were seen only on the eastern and southern edges of the field. The planes on the southern edge had light blue upper edges on their rudder assemblies and yellow propeller hubs. (3) No flying was observed. Two twin-engine transports were parked in front of the largest hangar. (4)
3. From 2:30 to 3 p.m. on 23 August and on 27 August, about 15 IL-10s were parked on the eastern edge and on the southern edge of the field, 30 to 40 IL-10s with light blue upper edges on their rudder assemblies and both yellow and blue propeller hubs. Two twin-engine transports were seen in front of the largest hangar. Another twin-engine transport, with the door on the right side of the fuselage, was parked in front of the flight control building. A truck entered the field. There was no flying on either day, except for a biplane which had white stripes on the upper third of its rudder assembly. It landed at 12:45 p.m. on 27 August. 50X1-HUM
4. At 6 p.m. on 29 August, 20 ground attack aircraft, 4 transports with no windows, 2 single-engine high-wing monoplanes, and 3 biplanes were parked on the southern edge of the field, as far as could be made out, the ground attack aircraft had yellow propeller hubs, a white stripe on their rudder assemblies.

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5. At 4:30 p.m. on 19 August, no aircraft were parked on the northern edge of the field. There was a large number of aircraft on the southern edge. The same observations were made at 9:45 a.m. on 20 August. From 35 to 40 ground attack aircraft with white tips on their rudder assemblies were parked on the southern edge of the field.

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these planes had red propeller hubs.

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6. 20 Soviet women had arrived on 17 August. The Russians were to replace all German female personnel by 1 October. (5) Four German women were dismissed on 23 August. The male German workers were also allegedly to be discharged. The date when this would go into effect was unknown.

7. Between 26 and 30 August, the aircraft dispersal area along the northern edge of the field was still vacant. On 28 August, 32 ground attack aircraft with white-tipped rudder assemblies were observed parked on the southern edge of the installation. Ten twin-engine transports landed at the field at intervals of about 5 minutes between 8 and 9 p.m. on 29 August. A searchlight located about 100 meters west of the radio installation was in operation while these planes landed.

Comments.

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- (1) Staaken airfield was temporarily occupied by two ground attack regiments but only one was permanently stationed there and the other one had come from Doberitz. The information as to when the latter regiment was transferred to Doberitz varies. It was previously reported that the transfer took place on 21 August 1951 but the present report indicates that the regiment did leave for Doberitz prior to 20 August. In this respect, the present report is believed to be more credible.
- (2) The airfield is now occupied by only one ground attack regiment.
- (3) This statement is believed to be an error in observation. The ground attack aircraft in Staaken have white and not blue upper edges of their rudder assemblies.
- (4) These MI-2 type transports belong to an air transport regiment in Staaken.
- (5) This statement appears credible.

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